



River Reader

November 2014

**THE RIVER OAKS COMMUNITY HAS MANDATORY REGIME FEES
AND IS GOVERNED BY COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS.**

2014 Board of Directors

Ansley Pointe

Vacant

Vacant

Appian Landing I

Phyllis Lambert 909-4506

Vacant

Appian Landing II

Paul Amarendran 552-2601

Vacant

Appian Landing III

Darcia Hicks Treasurer 475-7293

Vacant

Marsh Hall

Dean Hinson ARB 760-6850

Vacant

Marsh Side

Vacant

Vacant

Palmetto Plantation

Bill Summer ARB 552-0706

Rhonda Long 760-9954

River Chase

Karen Graham ARB 207-9912

Vacant

Woodington I

Vacant

Vacant

Woodington II

Betsy Mitchum Newsletter 530-4126

Sean Patrum ARB 727-5226

Woodington III

Jeff Morey VP/Newsletter 552-9012

Kevin Bruch President 767-8299

*ARB Architectural Review Board

Please submit plans and drawings before beginning projects

GENERAL MEETING

January 26th 2015

The ROHA General Meeting has been scheduled for January 26th 2015. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM and is being held at the Faith Assembly Church on Appian Way.

THE PURPOSE OF THE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION IS TO:

1. Provide a venue for preservation and enhancement of the value of your property.
2. Promote and protect the civic welfare of the River Oaks community.
3. Provide for the enhancement and maintenance of our entranceways.

Residential Use of Property

ROHA members the below statement appears in all of our "Restriction and Covenants" in one form or another.

All lots shall be used for residential purposes and no business or business activity shall be carried on upon any lot at any time.

ROHA Dues Increase

Enclosed in this newsletter is the ROHA proposed budget. The ROHA Board has held the line for a few years, but with everything else going up, unfortunately our dues also need to be increased. The ROHA Board is actually authorized by our By-Laws to raise the dues annually by the consumer price index (cpi). If the board had raised the dues by the cpi each year since the last dues increase, our dues would be approximately \$115.00 in 2015. The board has been financially responsible in holding down the dues and spending our money economically.

However, we have come to the point that the annual dues need to be raised from:

\$100.00 to \$105.00.

When you attend the Annual General Meeting on 26 January 2014 or submit the proxy below, a vote to approve the budget will also approve the dues increase. Please remember that without the minimal raise in dues, the board will have to figure out where to cut services.

VOTE on proposed 2015 ROHA Budget:

If you are unable to attend the general meeting, please fill out the proxy vote and ensure that it is received by the ROHA association no later than January 12, 2015.

PROXY—FOR ROHA 2015 Operating Budget

I, _____, who is the registered owner of _____,
(Printed Name) (Printed Address)

do hereby constitute and appoint River Oaks Homeowner's Association Board of Directors and agents for me in my name, place and stead, to vote as my proxy or proxies in accordance with the choices indicated on the attached ballot at the bi-annual meeting of the members of the River Oaks Homeowner's Association to be held at the Faith Assembly Church, 3001 Landing Parkway, City of North Charleston, South Carolina, at 7 o'clock PM, on Tuesday, January 26, 2015.

(Signature of owner)

(Date)

YES _____ I vote to approve the 2015 operating budget for the ROHA as proposed.

NO _____ I vote to not approve the 2015 operating budget for the ROHA as proposed.

NOTE: A VOTE FOR THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL ALSO BE A VOTE TO INCREASE THE ROHA DUES FROM \$100.00 TO \$105.00.

Proxies received by the River Oaks Homeowner's Association after January 12, 2015 or improperly filled out will be deemed invalid.

**RIVER OAKS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
2015 BUDGET REPORT (DRAFT)**

BEGINNING BALANCE:					
	DEPOSITS			Year To Date	
	Dues			70,770.00	
	Late Fees				
	Newsletter Ads				
	C&R Violation Fees				
	Lien Fees				
	Miscellaneous (Insurance)				
	Previous Dues				
	Transfer from Money Market				
TOTAL DEPOSITS			0.00	\$70,770.00	
	DEBITS				BUDGET 2015
	Lawn-O-Green				\$27,400.00
	SCEG				\$11,320.00
	Water				\$420.00
	Invoicing Agent				\$5,400.00
	C&R Agent				\$3,600.00
	Insurance (Board)				\$4,000.00
	Pond Maintenance				\$1,500.00
	Postage				\$1,200.00
	Legal Fees				\$1,000.00
	Emergency Fund **				\$1,000.00
	Pine Straw & Installation				\$8,225.00
	Newsletter				\$2,000.00
	Taxes				\$400.00
	Tax Preparation				\$500.00
	Corporation Fee				\$25.00
	Bulk Mail Fee				\$200.00
	Facility Use				\$100.00
	Mail Box Fee				\$100.00
	Community Events				\$1,000.00
	Improvements				\$2,980.00
	Transfer to Emergency Fund				\$400.00
TOTAL DEBITS			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$70,770.00
CURRENT BALANCE				\$0.00	
NUMBER OF UNPAID DUES AS OF THE REPORT DATE					
NUMBER OF PAID DUES AS OF THE REPORT DATE					
BEGINNING MONEY MARKET BALANCE				\$10,000.00	
	Money Market Interest to Date				
CURRENT EMERGENCY FUND BALANCE				\$10,000.00	
** Emergency Fund cap is \$10,000.00					

ROHA WEB PAGE

The ROHA Web provides homeowners access to general information, Covenants and Restrictions, Association Bylaws, board and general meeting minutes, annual budget, Treasurer's reports, links to public records, meeting schedules, events and more. It allows homeowners to stay informed on the operations of the association between general meetings and become an active participant in improving our community. You can access the site using the following link: <https://sites.google.com/site/riveroakshomeownersassociation/home> - Please take time to visit the site and provide feedback to your area representative.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Ashley River Fire Department	911
Ashley River Fire Department (Non-Emergency)	552-2425
Emergency Medical Services	911
Dorchester County Sheriff	911
Dorchester County Sheriff (Non-Emergency)	873-5111
Poison Control Center	800-222-1222
S.C. Electric and Gas (After Hours)	745-6000
Public Works (Responsible for Street Signs, Roads & Ditch Maintenance)	832-0700
Dept. of Transportation (Responsible for the Medians and Road Conditions on Dorchester Rd)	800-657-0330
Dorchester County Animal Control	832-0015
Red Cross – 8085 Rivers Ave, Ste F, N Charleston, SC 29406	764-2323
Charleston County Emergency Preparedness Department	202-7400
Missing Persons:	
Child Help USA	800-422-4453
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children	800-843-5678
National Runaway Switchboard	800-621-4000
United Way Hotline for Locating Services	211

Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer

You know Dasher, and Dancer, and
Prancer, and Vixen,
Comet, and Cupid, and
Donder and Blitzen
But do you recall
The most famous reindeer of all

Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer
had a very shiny nose
and if you ever saw it
you would even say it glows.

All of the other reindeer
used to laugh and call him names
They never let poor Rudolph
play in any reindeer games.

Then one foggy Christmas eve
Santa came to say:
"Rudolph with your nose so bright,
won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"

Then all the reindeer loved him
as they shouted out with glee,
Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer,
you'll go down in history!

Deck the Halls

Deck the halls with boughs of holly, Fa la la la la la la!
'Tis the season to be jolly, Fa la la la la la la!
Don we now our gay apparel, Fa la la la la la la!
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol, Fa la la la la la la!

See the blazing yule before us, Fa la la la la la la!
Strike the harp and join the chorus, Fa la la la la la la!

Follow me in merry measure, Fa la la la la la la!
While I tell of Yuletide treasure, Fa la la la la la la!

Fast away the old year passes, Fa la la la la la la!
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses, Fa la la la la la la!
Sing we joyous all together! Fa la la la la la la!
Heedless of the wind and weather, Fa la la la la la la!

Child Safety

Parents, believe it or not the ROHA and even the schools work fairly hard to get the sidewalks installed along Appian Way. However, they do little to protect your children, if your children don't use them. With the hundreds of speeding vehicles on Appian Way that include cars, buses and construction trucks, your children need to stay out of the streets and on the sidewalks.

POTHOLE REPORTING

North Charleston Roads – 745-1026
Dorchester County Roads – 832-0070

What Makes a Community Desirable?

Most people searching for a place to call home have a laundry list of items that they are looking at when making a decision to buy a home in a given area. Some of the obvious elements to making this decision are; overall general location, are there good schools nearby, quality and variety of shopping and restaurants in the area, and don't forget the dreaded commute, how close am I to work? But what about the overall aesthetics of the neighborhood and a sense of community, not overlooked but often taken for granted. Just because the houses are new and the neighbors seem nice does not mean it will always be that way. The association through establishing contracts to maintain our common areas, enforcement of the Covenants and Restrictions and the Architectural Review Board attempt to preserve and enhance the aesthetics of our community and with the dedication of a few board members have attempted to provide community events, all of which adds to the desirability of our community. We all lead busy lives and for most it is easy to say "I pay my dues isn't that enough?" The answer would be no. Do you know what is going on in your neighborhood, your area, or your county? Are there issues that you would like to be addressed or do you just complain about them, assuming that someone will or won't take care of it? So instead of making excuses as to why you don't have time to volunteer are attend the General Meetings, get involved and help us make this the best and most desirable community in the area.

Details for all community events can be found on our web page at:
<https://sites.google.com/site/riveroakshomeownersassociation/home>
or simply go to Google and type Google Sites River Oaks.

BURNING

[State law](#) requires that you notify the Forestry Commission prior to burning outdoors. In most cases, the law applies to burning leaves, limbs and branches that you clean up from your yard. The notification law does not apply within town or city limits.

The toll-free numbers below allow you a quick, easy way to make your yard debris burning notification. Just dial the appropriate number, listen to the message, and leave your name, address and phone number.

The law requires that you clear a firebreak around the burning site and have the right equipment available to keep the fire under control. You must also stay with the fire until it is completely safe.

Dorchester County toll free number is 1-800-986-3746

After a permit number is obtained from the Forestry Department, the information must be provided to the Ashley River Fire Department.

ARTICLE VII
Financial Administration

Section 2. Dues: The Board of Directors of the Association shall establish regular dues which shall include automatic cost of living increases as determined by using the official consumer price index (cpi) as reported by the United States government to cover any and all regular expenses incurred by the organization in the performance of its business, capital expenses as approved by the membership, and emergency funds as approved by the membership. Such dues shall be recommended by the Board and shall become effective as approved by the membership. Proposed dues are to be provided to the members, by category as necessary, in writing, one month before the Annual Meeting, and are to be voted upon at that meeting.

Board Members NEEDED!!!!

Neighbors, YOU need board members from your neighborhoods to bring your concerns forward and assist with community activities. Without taking an active role in YOUR ROHA Board, you are leaving some important decisions up to a few dedicated people. Just remember that the fewer board members we have, the fewer opinions are heard. A full board consists of 22 members and as you can see from the list to the left, we are far short of full membership. We normally meet only once a month for approximately 1 ½ hours. Step up and request to be a board member, make a difference in your neighborhood.

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